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1. UNCTAD SECGEN INVITED GROUP COORDINATORS ON SHORT NOTICE TO MEET WITH WORLD FOOD CONFERENCE SEC-GEN MAREI FEB. 28. (INCOMING UNCTAD SECGEN COREA ALSO PRESENT.) MAREI SUMMARIZED DEVELOPMENTS AT FIRST PREPCOM AND DISTRIBUTED COPIES OF NOTE BY WFC SEC (IA 74/1) PREPARED FOR ROME INTER-AGENCY MEETING ON WFC FEB. 25-26. (COPY POUCHED FODAG AND DEPT FOR AMB MARTIN.)

2. SINCE MOST GENEVA DELEGATION REPS PRESENT WERE NOT UP TO DATE ON WFC, MEETING WAS ESSENTIALLY A ONE-WAY BRIEFING BY MAREI. HE WAS UNABLE ELICIT VERY MEANINGFUL
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REPLIES TO HIS QUERIES ABOUT FUTURE INTENTIONS AND

ATTITUDES TOWARD WFC ON PART OF GOVTS AND GROUPS
THINLY REPRESENTED AT THIS BRIEFING. MAREI HOPED
SPECIAL GA SESSION WOULD NOT "TAKE OVER" FOOD PROBLEMS
WHEN LA COORDINATOR SAID GA COULD NOT IGNORE FOOD.
SEVERAL OTHER REPS THOUGHT IT UNLIKELY GA COULD GO
VERY DEEPLY INTO FOOD PROBLEMS, GIVEN WIDE SCOPE OF
AGENDA, SHORT DURATION AND INADEQUATE TIME TO PREPARE.
MAREI SAID A GA RESOLUTION ON FOOD WOULD BE "ONE THING
AND POSSIBLY EVEN HELPFUL TO WFC "BUT HOPED THERE
WOULD NOT BE ANY NEW ORGANIZATIONAL SPIN-OFF BY GA ON
FOOD.

3. MAREI SAID HE WOULD NOT BE SATISFIED IF WFC SIMPLY
FORMULATED PIOUS RESOLUTIONS. HE SKETCHED OUT HIS PLANS
FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH VARIOUS GOVTS IN COMING MONTHS
AND SAID MAIN PURPOSE WOULD BE TO IMPRESS ON ALL PARTIES
THE NEED FOR ADOPTION BY WFC OF MEASURES TO IMPLEMENT
AGREED GOALS AND OBJECTIVES.

4. ROLE OF TRADE POLICY MEASURES IN WFC NOT RPT NOT
SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED BY MAREI OR OTHERS PRESENT. DALE

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